SENATE BILL 2128 By Wallace

AN ACT to designate a certain bridge in Claiborne County as the "Ike M. Shoffner Memorial Bridge".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Ike M. Shoffner of Claiborne County was most assuredly one such citizen, a gentleman of integrity, probity and exceedingly high moral character who meritoriously rendered many public services to his fellow citizens during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the late Ike M. Shoffner was a prominent citizen of Claiborne County who astutely served the county in various capacities, including exemplary service as county trustee and county road commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Ike M. Shoffner spent most of his life near the Indian Creek crossing, and the old bridge was referred to as the "Ike Shoffner Bridge"; the bridge is located in the northeast part of the county on State Route 63 East in the Fifth District adjacent to the Ike Shoffner farm; and

WHEREAS, in recent years a new and more modern bridge has been constructed across Indian Creek but has never been officially named; and

WHEREAS, because Mr. Shoffner lived most of his worthy life near the Indian Creek crossing and bridge, the Claiborne County Commission has expressed a desire to name the newly constructed bridge in his honor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly heartily concurs with this proposal to so honor Ike M. Shoffner, an outstanding citizen who has left behind an indelible legacy of proficient public service and unflagging commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the newly constructed bridge that spans Indian Creek on State Route 63 East in Claiborne County is hereby designated as the "Ike M. Shoffner Memorial Bridge" in recognition of his numerous contributions to his fellow citizens, and the public welfare.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Ike M. Shoffner Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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